

A Merry Christmas

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Happy New Year

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS
AND CUSTOMERS 

We wish to announce that our Annual Clearance
will commence

January 3, 1905

and continue all through the month.

Morse Department Store

Where Everybody Likes to Trade

TRICKS OF THIEVES.

Clever Schemes That Aid in the Penetration of Crime.

"Thieves resort to clever methods in order to get away with the goods," said an old police officer, "and I am firmly convinced that if the criminals of the world would devote the same amount of time, talent and patience to thinking out uplifting and advantageous schemes for humankind they would in a short while revolutionize the world in many useful ways. But somehow the mind of the criminal seems to be sharper, if I may say it, and brighter and quicker than the mind of the honest man. The fact may be explained in any number of ways. In the first place, the criminal has nothing to do but think out some plan of getting something that doesn't belong to him. That is his special business. Quite naturally the plan he works out under those circumstances will often startle even the oldest men in the police departments of the country. Who would have thought of the wire saw, a thing so small that it can be slipped in between the layers of the shoe sole, but the criminal who found in it a ready, convenient and unfailing means of escape? He is constantly thinking up some new scheme. Here we find a man and woman in a jewelry store. The woman carries a parrot with her. The bird suddenly gets away and begins to flutter around in the store. The jeweler is afraid the parrot will break something. He tries to catch it and succeeds after a short while. A small purchase is made. The man and the woman leave. Result, several hundred dollars' worth of jewelry gone. It was stolen during the excitement over the bird. Good scheme, eh? Yet it is but one out of a million worked by the clever degenerates of the world."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Have you seen the new automatic Morris chairs? The only place to get them is at Zapp & Co.'s.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Parker House.

R. Ban, Quincy, Ore.
Arthur Harrison, Deep River.
Fred Hendrickson, Deep River.
Emil Hendrickson, Deep River.
S. Johnson, Deep River.
Ben L. Wadsworth, Little Rock, Wn.
Andrew Widenne, Goldendale, Wn.
Mat Widenne, Goldendale, Wn.
Theo Johna, Grays River, Wn.
Victor Haglund and brother, Cathlamet.
Tom Saltke, Bismarck, N. D.
A. Olson, Youngs River.
P. Olson, Youngs River.
Thos. Cayer, Portland.

Northern Spy and Baldwin apples, \$1 a box. Astoria Grocery.

Dr. C. E. Linton, the manufacturing chemist, well and favorably known to the apostles of materia medica in Oregon, has opened a first-class drug store at 1496 Franklin avenue. Dr. Linton is not only a graduate pharmacist, but has made several discoveries in the treatment of pulmonary troubles that bid fair to bring him fame and fortune.

We have a few boxes of nice apples which we offer at 75c per box while they last. Astoria Grocery.

Closing out sale of toilet and manicure sets at Woodfield's Art Store will commence today and continue during the week.

Take Point or Shoal Water Bay oysters at the New Style Restaurant.

Weathered oak rockers, upholstered in genuine leather. The finest line in the city is at Zapp & Co.'s.

Pleasure and benefit are combined when Rogers' Listerinated tooth powder is used. It cleanses and beautifies the teeth. Large bottle 25 cents.

PUBLIC HIGHWAYS

Mass Meeting to be Held in Upper Astoria Next Tuesday.

IMPROVEMENT IS NEEDED

Efforts Will Be Made to Have a Public Thoroughfare from the East to the West End of the City Built by General Taxation.

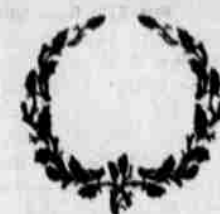
The citizens of Upper Astoria have called a mass meeting for next Tuesday for the purpose of discussing the proposition of having a public thoroughfare built from the eastern limits of the city to the western limits. The thoroughfare is to be built by general taxation and kept in repair by the city. At the present time, the means of reaching Upper Astoria is confined to one street, built mostly on piling, a portion of it on sliding ground and if any portion of it is destroyed by the elements, it will stop all communication between the residents of Upper Astoria and the business center of the city.

Prominent property owners living in both sections of the city are taking an active interest in the matter and the meeting next Tuesday night promises to be largely attended. A public thoroughfare is an absolute necessity. It will be in the nature of a boulevard something that every city in the United States has, and which is maintained at the expense of the municipalities. It will relieve many of the owners of small homes of the excessive street assessments necessary to keep one street in repair. The assessments for the improvement of streets amounts almost to confiscation of the property, and is a burden upon the small home-builders, and has deterred many people from buying property and building homes.

The question will be discussed at the meeting and resolutions adopted asking the common council to make the necessary surveys and build the highway. It is probable that a committee will be appointed to confer with the common council with a view of securing speedy action. It is probable that some of the improved streets can be used as a part of the proposed thoroughfare from the eastern limits to the Clatsop mill. From there to the western limits a new street should be built, at least as far as Seventeenth street, so that there will be two streets from the business portion of the city to Upper Astoria. As it is now, the council will not improve Exchange street, and all the water mains and fire hydrants are on that street and none on Commercial street, the only street running to Upper Astoria. In the event of a fire should the roadway be damaged, as it was Friday, there would be absolutely no means of reaching the east end of the city.

Another matter that should be considered in connection with the building of a public thoroughfare, is the fact that the people of the east end are compelled to pay taxes, but receive a very limited amount of the benefits of a municipal corporation in police and fire protection. They are certainly entitled to something for the money they contribute annually to maintain the city government.

There is no complaint about business at the Star saloon. Good goods and courteous treatment will draw trade to any first-class saloon. That's what makes business good at the Star. The best is none too good for our customers.



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MAY....

Our Friends be Happy
Our Enemies More Tolerant
and
Ourselves More Forgiving
And More Contented
Then indeed will

ALL HAVE A
MERRY CHRISTMAS

HERMAN WISE

The Reliable Clothier.

CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT.

Reopened Under New Management.

John Blasich has leased the California Restaurant and Oyster House and is now prepared to serve the public. The best oysters and meals in the city. Family trade supplied. Good cooks, polite waiters and prompt service.

Only a few days more to save the La Imperial bands. They are a sure winner.

Our headache tablets will quickly and safely cure you, no matter how violent the headache. If they fail return bottle and get your money. Charles Rogers.

There is only one place in Astoria that carries the genuine Old Georgia, Moonshine, corn whisky. P. E. Peterson of the Mirror, has received a consignment direct from the distillery.

Today Zapp & Co. will sell you \$8 Solid Oak Morris chairs for \$5.95.

Best meals in town at the New Style Restaurant.

The Occident tonsorial parlors and bath facilities are equalled by none. Everything modern and up to date. See Peterson.

The Palace Cafe

The Best Restaurant

Regular Meals, 25 Cents
Sunday Dinners a Specialty
Everything the Market Affords

Palace Catering Company

Smoke the New Size

LA IMPERIAL CIGAR

ALL HAVANA. (No imitation goes with us.)

Save the Bands

And get the diamond in Seymour's window, or the \$20 gold piece or a fine suit of clothes.

J. V. BURNS,

Our selection of Christmas presents affords you a sufficiently wide range of articles to make presents to all your friends and relatives:

We have for Men:

Shoes, Slippers, Socks,
Suspenders, Ties, Hats,
Shirts, Umbrellas, Suits,
Necktie Boxes, Brushes, Etc.

We have for Ladies:

Waists, Silk Petticoats, Furs, Fancy
Collars, Handkerchiefs, Slippers, Albums,
Jewel Cases, Card Cases, Glove
Boxes, Manicure Sets, Photo Boxes, Etc.

Things That Will Please Everybody:

Vases, Ink Stands, Fancy Baskets,
Clocks, Candle Holders, Pictures,
Center Pieces in Battenburg, Cheney,
Embroidery, Etc. Statuary, Books, Etc.

We have for the Children---A complete line of toys of every description. Don't put off till tomorrow what you can do today. Shop now when the stock is full and remember that you can always buy cheaper at

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